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**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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New Rule 1.53(b) U.S. Continuation-in-Part Patent Application  
Title: ARC WELDING METHOD  
Inventors: You-Chul KIM et al.



Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 26 pages, including 3 independent claim(s) and 12 claims total.
2. Drawings- 9 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:



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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ 750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
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Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	0
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 750.00

4. A check for \$750.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:  
\$750.00 filing fee.
5. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) and PTO-1449 are enclosed.

**This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 09/869,018, filed October 29, 2001, which is a national phase entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/JP98/05923, filed December 24, 1998, in the European Patent Office, the contents of both of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.**

The prior application is assigned of record to: Toshisada Yasumura

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This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

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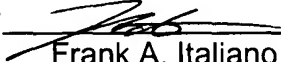
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/869,018, filed October 29, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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